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*Claims*

1.    A footrest for a stairlift chair, said footrest including a substantially
      planar upper surface;

      an outer edge;

5     an inner edge substantially opposed to said outer edge; and

      side edges joining respective outer margins of said inner edge and said
      outer edge,

      said footrest being characterised in that said inner edge is shorter than
      said outer edge and said footrest has a pivot point through which said
10    footrest is in use, pivoted about a substantially vertical axis with
      respect to said chair, said pivot being positioned closer to said inner
      edge than to said outer edge.

2.    A footrest as claimed in claim 1 having a geometric centreline.

3.    A footrest as claimed in claim 2 wherein said pivot point lies on said
15    centreline.

4.    A footrest as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein said side
      edges extend outwardly from said outer edge.

5.    A footrest as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4 further including
      fixing means to fix the position of said footrest about said pivot point.

20  6.  A stairlift chair having a footrest as claimed in any one of claims 1 to
        5.

7.   A stairlift chair and footrest combination, said chair having a central axis extending perpendicular to the intended direction of travel of said chair, and said footrest having a geometric centre line, said footrest further having an outer edge; an inner edge substantially opposed to said outer edge; and side edges joining respective outer margins of said inner edge and said outer edge,

said combination being characterised in that the inner edge of said footrest is shorter than said outer edge and said footrest is mounted to pivot with respect to said chair about a substantially vertical axis, the pivot position lying on both the central axis of said chair and the geometric centreline of said footrest.

8.   A combination as claimed in claim 7 wherein said pivot position lies closer to the inner edge of said footrest than to said outer edge.

9.   A stairlift including the chair and footrest combination as claimed in claim 7 or claim 8.